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The remarks filed 9/26/06 regarding the alleged lack of acknowledgement by the Examiner for the foreign priority claim of International Application No. PCT/IB99/02077 are acknowledged. The acknowledgement of the foreign priority claim based on the Italian application PD98A000298 made in the Notice of Allowance is proper. The PCT document is not a foreign priority document. The parent case, 09/877,757, was filed as a continuation of PCT/IB99/02077 and there is no requirement that the PCT document be acknowledged in the instant application. The filing of a US application based on the PCT is de facto acknowledgement of the PCT.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Susan Hanley whose telephone number is 571-272-2508. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00-5:30.

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